25th. (To de Tournon.) Proceed to Madrid by the quickest way, and hand my letter to the King. You will await the answer, spending five or six days in Madrid. When you write by the courier of M. de Beauharnais you will give only vague information and nothing that could raise the suspicion that you are informed as to my plans.

March 5th. I may possibly start for Spain in less than a week. I have 80,000 men within 30 leagues of Madrid. Junot with 30,000 men is in control of Lisbon and Portugal, and yet I have not brought a single man from the Grand Army back to France. I have nearly 300,000 men in Poland and on the Oder. This year's conscription is being levied. But my expenses are enormous!

16th. (To the Grand Duke of Berg.) Continue to talk smoothly. Reassure the King, the Prince of Peace, the Prince of the Asturias, the Queen. The great thing is to reach Madrid, to rest your troops, and to collect supplies. Say that I shall soon be there to arrange and conciliate everything.

25th. We have reached the fifth act of the play, and shall soon get to the climax.

27th. (To Louis Napoleon, King of Holland.) My brother, the King of Spain has just abdicated; the Prince of Peace has been put into prison; an insurrection has broken out in Madrid. The Grand Duke of Berg presumably entered the city on the 23d at the head of 40,000 men. This being the state of things, I have thought of placing you on the throne of Spain. Reply categorically what you have to say to this proposal.

30th. (To the Grand Duke of Berg.) I have received your letter, and those of the King of Spain. Get the